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SUBJECT: CABINET EXPECTATIONS AND DELAY

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1. IN WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENCY THAT PRESIDENT WILL RESTRUCTURE HIS CABINET TODAY (REFTEL), IT WAS SAID THIS MORNING IN POLITICAL CIRCLES THAT CABINET CHANGES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT NOON. THIS WAS OFFICIALLY POSTPONED UNTIL 4:00 PM. AS OF THIS MOMENT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH SOME SOURCES SAID ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD COME AT 6:00 PM. NOTHING OFFICIAL HAS BEEN SAID SINCE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL 4:00 AND PRO- UP STATIONS ARE SILENT.

2. SAMPLING OF PRIVATE COMMENTS BY EDITORS OF NEWSPAPERS RANGING FROM COMMUNIST TO INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE, REVEAL EXPECTATION THAT MILITARY ARE IN EFFECT EITHER ALREADY IN CONTROL OR ABOUT TO TAKE CONTROL. AN EDITOR OF PRO- COMMUNIST " PURO CHILE" ALLEGED THAT GOVERNMENT HAS IN EFFECT BEEN " TAKEN BY
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MILITARY" SINCE SATURDAY. ASSISTANT EDITOR OF PRO- SOCIALIST GOC DAILY " LA NACION" OPINED THAT COUNTRY IS IN HANDS OF MILITARY NOW AND IF ALLENDE DOES NOT ANNOUNCE TODAY CABINET WITH MILITARY PARTICIPATION, TOMORROW THERE WILL BE A FORMAL COUP D' ETAT. SOURCE IN PDC DAILY " LA PRENSA" EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS, NOTING HOWEVER THAT COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS HAVE DELIVERED ARMS INTO HANDS OF POPULATION OF SANTIAGO INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS.

3. ABOVE VIEWS ARE INTERESTING IN TERMS OF ATMOSPHERICS PREVAILING THIS EVENING. CONTINUED DELAY OF ANNOUNCEMENT IS AN INDICATION OUTCOME STILL IN DOUBT.

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